

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 Whereas, Herbert Leo Kadden was born in Berlin, Germany
3 in 1923 to his loving parents, Mendel and Margarete; and

4 Whereas, His father inspired in Herb a keen sense of
5 civic obligation through his work as a social and youth
6 worker in Berlin; and

7 Whereas, His mother, a photographer whose portraits of
8 people and of nature, captured Herb's imagination and
9 awakened him to the glories of art; and

10 Whereas, Herb was privileged to witness the triumph of
11 the human spirit through Jesse Owens' victories at the 1936
12 Olympic Games in Berlin; and

13 Whereas, Herb was later forced to become a refugee from
14 the totalitarian evil that came to dominate Europe in 1939;
15 and

16 Whereas, Through the kindness of relatives he was
17 eventually reunited with his parents in America; and

18 Whereas, In gratitude to his new country he enlisted in
19 the United States Army and served with distinction in the
20 Signal Corps from 1943-1945 during World War II, earning the
21 rank of sergeant; and

22 Whereas, Herb returned to the United States after the war
23 and married Leah Molton in 1950 and was blessed with more
24 than 50 wonderful years of marriage; and

25 Whereas, Herb and Leah became the proud parents of Daniel
26 and Stephanie and instilled in them the values that make good
27 citizens and build strong communities; and

28 Whereas, Herb Kadden provided for his family and earned
29 the trust, respect, and affection of his many clients

1 throughout Indiana and the Chicago region during his more
2 than 45 year career as a salesman; and

3 Whereas, Herb and Leah were later blessed with five
4 grandchildren, Joseph, Zachary, Tamara, Amalia and Sigal; and

5 Whereas, Herb endeavored to inculcate in his
6 grandchildren the requisites of how to live a good life,
7 persist at what is meaningful and respect and value
8 humanity's diversity; and

9 Whereas, Herb was a devoted father and grandfather who
10 savored his grandchildren's many accomplishments, even
11 busting his buttons from time to time, and was an active part
12 of their lives; and

13 Whereas, Herb maintained a lifelong curiosity about the
14 world and never stopped learning, reading widely in history,
15 politics, philosophy and the arts; he enjoyed Chicago's
16 cultural resources, its galleries, museums, and historical
17 places; and

18 Whereas, He was a dedicated participant in the civic and
19 cultural life of his beloved Hyde Park; and

20 Whereas, Herb's commitment to political reform stretched
21 from the 1948 Presidential campaign of Henry Wallace through
22 his work with the Independent Voters of Illinois to his
23 leadership in numerous state representatives, senate, and
24 aldermanic races; and

25 Whereas, Herb was a devoted member of Congregation Rodfei
26 Zedek in Hyde Park for fifty years; and

27 Whereas, The country, state, city and community in which
28 he lived have lost a remarkable individual who truly made the
29 world a better place; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the death of Herbert Leo Kadden along with all who
4 knew and loved him, and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family and friends; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Herb Kadden with our deepest
8 sympathy.